

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 405 - HB 861

February 21, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases, from one day per year to one day per month, the frequency that the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) provides veterans free access to state parks, campgrounds, and golf courses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$114,100

Assumptions:

- TDEC estimates that 4,400 free rounds of golf will be played by veterans at state golf courses in FY11-12, which would otherwise cost \$26 per round. In November of 2010, 300 free rounds of golf were played by veterans. There will be a decrease of 4,100 paid rounds (4,400 – 300) resulting in a recurring decrease in state revenue of \$106,600 (4,100 rounds x \$26 per round).
- Camping has a rate of \$16 per night from November through March and \$20 from April through October.
- According to TDEC, 32 veterans took part in the free camping day in November of 2010 at what would have been a rate of \$16 per night.
- An estimated total of 56 veterans camping December through March at a rate of \$16 per night results in a decrease in revenue of \$896 (56 campers x \$16 per night).
- An estimated total of 330 veterans camping in April through October at a rate of \$20 per night results in a decrease in revenue of \$6,600 (330 campers x \$20 per night).
- The total recurring decrease in camping fee revenue will be \$7,496 per year (\$1,344 + \$6,600).
- The total recurring decrease in state revenue will be \$114,096 (\$106,600 + \$7,496).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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